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Condition of Milk Cooperative Federations
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of Milk Cooperatives in various States of the country;

(b) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to increase the production of milk in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal with the Government to grant assistance for setting up of industry, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide loan at zero per cent rate of interest to the dairy farmers for purchase of milch animals and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing the following schemes for improvement of the condition of the cooperative milk federations in various States of the country and also to increase milk production.
i) National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development (NPBBDD).
ii) National Dairy Plan (Phase-I).

This Department is also implementing a scheme viz Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) which also contribute in increasing milk production.

(c) This Department provide grant assistance under National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development (NPBBDD) scheme to dairy cooperatives and milk producer companies for setting up of dairy cooperative societies, bulk milk coolers, milk & milk products processing plant and marketing infrastructure etc. Under National Dairy Plan-1 assistance is provide for enhancement of productivity of milch animals and also provide market access to the milk producers.

(d) No, Madam.There is no scheme in the Department to provide loan at zero percent rate of interest to the dairy farmers for purchase of milch animals. However, this Department is implementing Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) from 01.09.2010 with the objective of generation of self-employment opportunities in the dairy sector, covering activities such as enhancement of milk production, procurement, preservation, transportation, processing and marketing of milk by providing back ended capital subsidy @ 25% of the project cost for General Category and @ 33.33 % for SC/ST farmers for bankable projects through NABARD. This helps in reducing the interest burden on the beneficiary
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